



Talking Heads

Friday 14th June 2024

Dear Families,

There have been lots of lovely events over the last week which have celebrated the Longlands family spirit.

Last Thursday, our KS2 children had a wonderful experience at The Alexander Stadium. Their teamwork, determination, resilience, behaviour, and attitude were exceptional. They actively engaged in an athletic round robin and a range of track races, displaying their enjoyment through their smiles. Congratulations to Longlands for being crowned the overall winners. We are incredibly proud of all the children for their efforts and achievements.

Last Friday, Robyn and Lola, Year 4, coordinated a fundraising event to show support for Mrs. Bourne. Robyn, who is Mrs. Bourne's niece, and Lola, along with their families, organised the event to raise funds for Mrs. Bourne to attend various events during her battle with cancer. The impressive amount of £281 was raised by Lola and Robyn and has been delivered to Mrs. Bourne. We extend our appreciation to both girls and to all who contributed to this fundraiser, as it is very close to our hearts.

On Friday, Longlands' Eco Group participated in the Big Help Out 2024 alongside other community members, including the 4 All Foundation. Together, they conducted a litter pick in Market Drayton and successfully collected over 12 bags of debris, contributing to the cleanliness and tidiness of our community.

The sports day that took place on Wednesday was a tremendous success and we were fortunate to have good weather for the occasion. I am proud of the children who participated, showing good sportsmanship and humour throughout the event. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out to support the children, making it a truly enjoyable day.

I take the wellbeing of our staff as seriously as the wellbeing of our children so, yesterday evening, we held an art event with The Waterside Art Studio. It was wonderful to see so many staff spending quality time together, having a chance to chat and laugh together and forget about work and other challenges for a couple of hours! Thank you also to Adele, who led the session, helping us to produce some amazing art work!



Today, we have hosted our termly meeting with the school governors. The governors play a vital role in our leadership team, and we are grateful for their generous contribution of time to visit the school and celebrate our successes. This morning's emphasis has been on our work related to Equality, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging (EDIB). This work is essential in promoting a culture where all students treat others with kindness and respect, regardless of differences. The governors had the opportunity to observe classes, engage with the children about what they have learned, and then participate in discussions with our staff.

It was an opportunity to introduce our new team of School Guardians who serve as the children's safeguarding board for the school. This group will play a vital role in spearheading the education on safety throughout the school, assisting me and the broader safeguarding team in ensuring that all our children are equipped with the knowledge to protect themselves, both within and outside of the school environment, including online safety.



Lisa Millington
Headteacher

This week at Longlands



 **Happy birthday to:** Archie B Maple

UPCOMING EVENTS

18 th	Stoke City Penalty Shoot Out
18 th	Year 3 and 4 swimming
19 th	Class photos and Year 6 leavers' photos
19 th	Year 4 Read the Game
25 th	Year 6 library visit
25 th	Year 3 and 4 swimming
26 th	Year 4 Read the Game
28 th	Year 2 open afternoon parent session
July	
2 nd	Year 1 Fun Science workshop – in school
3 rd	Year 5 and 6 Stopmotion animation workshops – in school
3 rd	Year 4 Read the Game
4 th	Summer Fair
5 th	Rounders event (The team will receive a letter)
8 th	Year 2 seaside workshop – in school
8 th	Year 6 move up transition day 1 - Grove
9 th	Year 6 move up transition day 2 - Grove
9 th	Move up transition morning whole school
10 th	Stoke City sponsorship Presentation assembly
10 th	Year 4 Read the Game
10 th	Year 6 – Money Workshop – in school
11 th	Cricket event (The team will receive a letter)

STAR OF THE WEEK

Acorns	Freya-Lily & Emilia
Saplings	Isla
Fir	Rhys
Willow	Emma
Maple	Nandi
Rowan	Pranavi
Elm	Max
Beech	Tia
Oak	DJ

